

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

Thursday, November 4. 1708.

ALTHO' the Discourse of the Affair of Religion in *Scotland* comes by Fragments and Pieces, as the Length of these Papers will admit; yet whoever pleases to put them together, and revise them, shall find at last a true History of that whole Affair, in them; the Original, Progress, Nature and Quality of Dissenting in *Scotland* faithfully and impartially discuss'd, and the Truth and Degree of that Persecution, so much Complaint is made of, examin'd and stated.

I have given you the Queen's Letter, from which the *Jacobite* Clergy in *Scotland* took the Encouragement to insult the Establish'd Church, *misconstruing her Majesty's Meaning, as their Brethren the High-Flyers did that very Time here in England.* I am next to tell you, wherein they mistook her Majesty, and this is in short—That whereas her Majesty expressly signifies in her Letter the *Episcopal* Dissenters, and plainly means such as submit to the Laws, and behave themselves dutifully to the Government—The *Jacobite* Clergy

Clergy take this Occasion to presume, that THEY are the Men this Letter means, and that THEY are therefore to be protected in their insulting the Establish'd Church, by invading the vacant Parishes, and erecting *Jacobite* Conventicles, which from that Time began to be the Practice in *Scotland*, for there were very few before.

And here, I think, it is necessary to state, what we mean always in these Papers by *Dissenters* in *Scotland*, and what we mean by Intruders, that no sham Constructions may be put upon the Nation—And that they, who call themselves of the Church of *England*, and pretend to espouse these People, may see, who it is they are Herding with, and what Sort of People they call Brethren—And in short I mean, *and desire so to be understood*, when I speak of *Dissenters* in *Scotland*, such as disown not the Church only, but the QUEEN, and the Succession, refuse to pray for the first, or swear to the last—By swearing to the Succession, I mean, taking the Abjuration—By Intruders, I mean, such as by Force, and contrary to Law, plant themselves in vacant Churches, without Legal Call or Legal Admission, or in *English*, Rabbling the Church, for it is no less.

Now to prove Things as I go, I shall first shew, that I do not misconstrue her Majesty, when I say, that in the Royal Letter which I noted was sent to the Privy-Council, the Queen did not mean any of these; To prove this I say, I here present

you with her Majesty's own Explanation of it—*The Case was in short thus*: The Insolence of these People, upon the Encouragement they thought was given them in the first Letter, was such, that the *General Assembly* thought themselves oblig'd to represent it to her Majesty in a most humble Address, among other Things, laying before the QUEEN the Disorders and illegal Practices of those People; upon which, and as an Answer to the said Address, her Majesty writes a second Letter to the Privy-Council, to restrain and prevent the Encroachments, &c. of these People.

I need not give the Reader the Trouble of the Address, but the Letter is so very material to the clearing up the Case in hand, that I cannot omit it.

Her Majesty's most Gracious Letter to the Privy-Council of *Scotland*.

ANNE R.

Right Trusty and Right well Beloved Cousin and Counsellor, Right Trusty and intirely Beloved Cousins and Counsellors, Right Trusty and well Beloved Cousins and Counsellors, Right Trusty and well Beloved Counsellors, and truly and well Beloved Counsellors, We greet you well; WHEREAS, There was an Humble Address presented to Us from the General Assembly of the Church in that our antient Kingdom, representing the Growth of Popery, and the Numbers of Priests and Jesuits, with several Disorders and illegal Attempts of the Dissenting Clergy, and the In-crease

crease of Vice and Immorality, (where-
of a special Condescendence was offer'd to
you) and praying our Royal Assistance
for putting the Laws relating to these
Articles to vigorous Execution. It is
our Pleasure, and We do require you,
to give all just Encouragement to the
Ministers and Government of the Church
Established by Law, and that you give
your utmost Application and Endeavours
to discourage and prevent the Growth
of Popery, and for seizing and securing
Priests and Jesuits, and that you do
not suffer any illegal Attempts and En-
croachments to be made by the Dissent-
ing Clergy, upon the present Constituti-
on; And that you endeavour to pro-
mote Vertue and Piety, and restrain
Vice and Immorality every where thro'
the Kingdom, in the Ways you see most
expedient and agreeable to our Laws;
And so not doubting your Care herein,
We bid you heartily Farewel. Given
at our Court at St. James's, the third
Day of March, 1704. And of Our
Reign the second Year.

By Her Majesty's Command,

QUEENSBERRY.

Edinburgh 14 March, 1704.

The above LETTER from her
Majesty being presented in Council by
the Lord Rofs, after reading thereof,
was order'd presently to be Printed.
Extracted by GILBERT ELIOT,
Cls. Sii. Concilii.

I think, this sufficiently explains
this Matter, and proves, that when
her Majesty in the former Letter
desir'd that the Dissenting Clergy
should be protected, &c. The
QUEEN was far from intending
that they should be permitted to
make Encroachments upon the
Church, or disturb the publick Peace.

If any Man steps in here, and
says, that it remains to prove, that
they did disturb the Peace of the
Church, or that they did make any
Invasions or Encroachments upon it,
I shall answer;

1. In general, That there are now,
possessing Churches, preaching
and enjoying the Benefices, a-
bove Twenty two Clergy-men
in Scotland, who are Intruders
in the Sence as above explain'd,
who by Force have thrust
themselves in upon the People
without Legal Call, and by
Force possess without Legal
Admission; and if I am put to
it, I suppose, I may name a
much greater Number.
2. More particularly I may de-
scend to the Manner of this
Intruding, and how the Mini-
sters, Presbyteries and Magi-
strates have been mob'd out of
and in the Churches, by the
Rabbles of this Party.—
And this I shall do more at
large in my next.

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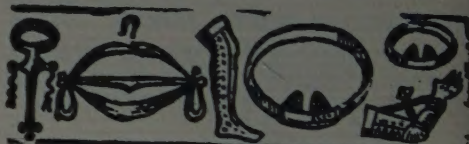
They continue to meet by the Parliament-Stairs in Old-Pallace-Yard; There is a Note on the Door, where daily Attendance is given from Ten in the Morning until Night—— If Any are not apprehensive of the Certainty of the Success, they may come and have full Satisfaction, thus they may have their Money if they will.

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